

FAQs: ARVON GRANTS & OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please note that our Grants Administrator works on Tuesdays, Wednesday mornings and Thursdays, so queries sent to grants@arvon.org will only be picked up at those times.

Q: What different types of financial support does Arvon offer?

A:

1. Arvon Grants (the David Pease Fund). This covers residential Writing Weeks and Arvon at Home (online) Writing Weeks and Writing Months. It does not cover Untutored Retreats, Clockhouse bookings, shorter courses, such as Writing Days or Masterclasses. Funds are released quarterly as follows:

- Early January for April-June courses
- Early April for July-September courses
- Early July for October-December courses
- Early October for January-March courses

An application form is required for these grants and there is a specific period each quarter during which you can apply. Further information, our terms and conditions and an application form can be found here: <https://www.arvon.org/writing-courses/grants/>

2. Fully funded places for Online Writing Days. There are 2 fully funded places allocated to each OWD. To apply, please contact grants@arvon.org with details of your financial situation and we will let you know if a place is available. There is no application form as such.

3. Concessions. There are concessions available for many of our residential and online courses but a limited number is allocated to each course, apart from Masterclasses, which have unlimited concessions. To apply, tick the 'concession' option when booking online and, subject to availability, the partial discount will be applied. For most courses this is a 30% discount but for Masterclasses it's a 50% discount. There is no application form. Further details are here: <https://www.arvon.org/writing-courses/prices-booking-information/>
If there are no concessions remaining for your chosen course, you can check alternative options by emailing grants@arvon.org

4. Free Masterclasses. Tick a box to apply when you book online. These are limited to 3 per person per year.

5. Special Grants. We usually have special grants available each year, which are separate from the main (David Pease) grant fund and often have different criteria. You can get information about these by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter here: <https://www.arvon.org/mailling-list/>

Q: Can I get help completing my application form?

A: If you are having any difficulty completing your application form and need our support, please contact grants@arvon.org .

Q: How many times can I apply for funding?

A: There are some limits on this.

- Low Income (David Pease) Grant funds are only open to those who have not received a grant from Arvon in the past 5 years; we are oversubscribed so prioritise new, or previously unsuccessful, applicants. After 5 years you may reapply.
- We can award one fully funded Online Writing Day per person per year.
- There is no limit on the number of concessions you can apply for but please remember that by taking up a concession place, it does mean another writer won't receive one, so we ask that you limit this to a few per year.
- Free Masterclasses are limited to 3 per person per year.

Q: Can I combine different types of financial support?

A: You cannot combine an Arvon grant with a concession for the same course, it must be one or the other. However, you are welcome to combine an Arvon grant or concession with an external grant, or other source of funding.

Q: Do I have to be a UK resident to apply for funding?

A: Low Income (David Pease) Grants and most Special Grants are only available to UK residents. Fully funded places and concessions are open to anyone, including overseas applicants.

Q: Can I transfer my grant to another course or person?

A: If you have a good reason for transferring your grant to a different course, we are happy to consider this but would not normally transfer a grant more than once. Please contact grants@arvon.org about this. We cannot transfer a grant from one person to another. Each person must submit their own application at the appropriate time (see Low Income Grant information above).

Q: Can I receive and complete my application form in a different format?

A: We will provide the application form in a different format for you, wherever possible. Please contact grants@arvon.org to discuss your requirements.